

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02728-ABJ**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Assigned to: Judge Amy Berman Jackson  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/12/2019

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

**AMERICAN OVERSIGHT**

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**Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/12/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6372802) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 09/12/2019)
09/12/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 09/12/2019)
09/16/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Amy Berman Jackson. (zeg) (Entered: 09/16/2019)
09/16/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 09/16/2019)
10/03/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/17/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/17/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 10/03/2019)
10/04/2019		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>4</u> Summons Returned Executed in FOIA as to U.S. Attorney; emailed to <a href="mailto:daniel.mcgrath@americanoversight.org">daniel.mcgrath@americanoversight.org</a> , cc'd 1 associated attorneys -- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Document incomplete/illegible, 2. Please refile document, 3. as to the USAG and Federal Dft for service of process (zjf, ) (Entered: 10/04/2019)

10/17/2019	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E)(Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 10/17/2019)
10/18/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure appear to be inapplicable. Defendant shall file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff, on or before November 15, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 10/18/2019. (lcabj3) (Entered: 10/18/2019)
10/18/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall either file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff, by 11/15/2019. (jth) (Entered: 10/18/2019)
11/14/2019	<u>6</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 11/14/2019)